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SUBJECT: MILITARY DECISIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY MATTERS

1. IN PO/74/19, SECGEN LUNS NOTES THAT THE NAC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVING MAJOR POLICIES FOR COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY WITHIN NATO. HE ADDS THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED MC 225 ON NATO COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY POLICY AND MC 226 ON NATO REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY EQUIPMENT. UNLESS SECGEN HEARS TO CONTRARY BY MAR 8TH, HE WILL ASSUME THAT COUNCIL HAS APPROVED MC 225 AND MC 226.

2. COMMENT: MISSION NOTES THAT NEITHER DOCUMENT CONTAINS OBJECTIVE TO DEVELOP A FAMILY OR FAMILIES OF INTEROPERABLE COMSEC EQUIPMENT. IF NO EFFORT IS MADE TO ACHIEVE CRYPTOGRAPHIC INTEROPERABILITY, NATO WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A MIXTURE OF EQUIPMENT THAT CANNOT INTERCOMMUNICATE IN SECURE MODE. DESIRABILITY OF MINIMUM INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL AND SELECTED NATO DEVICES SUCH AS THE KW-7 AND B1D-610 IS RECOGNIZED IN PARAS 17 AND 18 OF MC 225. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW THAT THIS OBJECTIVE IS TOO LIMITED, IN THAT IT DOES NOT SPECIFY INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN SIMILAR TYPE DEVICES SUCH AS THE RECORD TRAFFIC AND VOICE CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT PROPOSED IN MC 226. END COMMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IF WASHINGTON AGREES WITH MISSION COMMENT,
WE PROPOSE THAT BOTH DOCUMENTS BE RETURNED TO MILITARY COMMITTEE
WITH REQUEST THAT THEY BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE AS AN OBJECTIVE
THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY OR FAMILIES OF INTEROPERABLE COMMU-
NICATIONS SECURITY EQUIPMENT. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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